

last night. An hour before the time the Dr & I went
to Mrs Ruggs house, by invitation to meet a room full
of brethren & sisters & to talk about the Grimké's coming.
Mrs Rugg presided and spoke very well & to the point.
It was decided to introduce the matter at the meeting
that all the abolitionists might vote upon it.
The spirit of the meeting was very good, but the exercise
such as might have been expected where not many mighty
or noble were called. It was voted unanimously that
the Grimké's be invited to lecture here & that Dr H
be a committee to invite them. So that matter
is settled. The Dr wants you to tell the Grimké's that their
coming will do great good not only to Groton but all the
towns round. He will come for them & return them
safe to Brookline. The Pefferell people are very much
ashamed of the Barn, since Angelina spoke in the
state house. I love you attended to the petitions
any? If any thing happens let me know. Thank you for your

long, newsy letter which I received on Saturday, just
as I had begun to grow pretty sallow, and impatient
to hear. I meant to have written before, but everything
goes on so quietly it hardly seemed worth while. Tuesday
you will remember was a very pleasant day, and I had
a delightful ride up here. The first 15 miles I rode in
the inside - nobody in but 6 or 7 ordinary looking
women, who talked of nothing but quack doctors &
marvellous cures. After a time they got upon revivals
and upon that subject they all spoke eloquently.
One of them said that the meetings of the Free Will
baptists were more interesting than any, because
the women took part in the exercises. "Where the
spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," said she looking
appealingly round, and if that doesn't mean liberty
to speak what is it good for? So this we all heartily
assented & the conversation turned upon the Grimké's

whose conduct they all appeared to approve, though
but one of them was an abolitionist. From that
one I picked up considerable concerning the Free
will Baptists & the Christians, who are all I should
think in a very good way. At Bedford I got on
with the driver, and never had such a good ride
in my life. Most of the way the six horses were
more than half way up their legs in water,
splashing & dashing. I don't know what the driver
would have done without me, for he had no
man with him, & every time we stopped, which
was at each post town, I held the reins. Once a
bundle fell off the top, and we got a short distance
beyond before the alarm was given. I sat on the
top of the stage holding these before mentioned
six horses, while the driver went back as far as
our house is from Barn Breeds shop. Though I felt
perfectly competent to the business, yet I looked
fearfully to the right and left expecting to see
Ma appear every instant. I find every thing
here quiet and agreeable as I expected, and what
is quite unexpected Mary is very amiable and
pleasant. This morning she began school, so now
I feel rather more free. Thursday the Da went
to Lowell, in the steam, to a board meeting of
the Middlesex society. His principal object was
to ascertain if Mr Burman, the minister there,
was a feeler. After a critical examination he
decided that he was not, though opposed to the

Grimké's. Saturday afternoon Mrs Rugg called and gave us notice of a prayer meeting for the slaves to be held to-morrow night. We shall probably go. Mrs Rugg is all up in arms about the Grimké's, resolved to have them lecture here as many times as possible. The Dr. refuses to have anything to do with asking them as the abolitionists here deserted him, he says, when they ~~resided~~^{lectured} here last summer, but his house is open to receive them. "Then", said the Dr. with great indignation, "if Dudley Phelps refuses the meeting house, it were better for him that he had never been born." "Why that is rather strong language", said I. "No stronger than the Bible uses", said Mrs Rugg with great gravity. Whoever shall offend one of these little ones &c. By the little ones I suppose she meant the Grimké's, not the Dr. I called upon Betsey Capell, who was very polite & made many inquiries after you. This morning I called with the Dr. to invite a little Mrs Hall, a bride, that I guess you know nothing about, to spend to-morrow evening here. It is to be a sort of a musical party, not exactly a party though, but something like one. The only news here is that Charles Dickson is to move into town & carry on his mother's farm, of course accompanied by his wife and sister. Miss Gray is very kind & pleasant and sends much love to you. I have not yet set a day to come home, but shall probably come in about a week. I am rather

I have been very comfortable since I have been here, though I must confess for the first two or three days I was very sleepy & a little enervated, but I painted vigorously & soon got over it. Mary by the way has painted two nice pictures, & I have nearly finished

Hope Dear Maria is enjoying her stay in some interesting in her street.

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Anne Warren Weston.

Mass.

Boston.

My Anne Warren Weston.
Care of H. Chapman & Co.

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March 12th 1838
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear
Anne
Care
A. W. Weston
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the one I was at work upon when I left. Tell Lissy it looks beautifully, better I think than hers. Tell Lissy that I wished this morning that she had been here, for we all went to the top of a hill a quarter of a mile long, & spent an hour sliding down till I only overset twice. The boys would have advised to have put Lissy on behind and sailed off with her they would have liked to steer for me, but I preferred to command my own ship. Tuesday morning. I left this letter open by the Dr's advice to tell you about the meeting